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1. FOLL FOR BACKGROUND.

2. MERCURIO CITES CARLOS MORALES AND CANTUARIAS STATEMENTS THAT PR-PSD-API AGREEMENT STILL IN FORCE AND PR WILL VOTE FOR TARUD. PR, HOWEVER, WILL SUPPORT ANY CANDIDATE CHOSEN "WITHIN RULES" (BY MAJORITY) OF LEFTIST COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THEREBY SHOW ITS GREAT GOODWILL TOWARD LEFTIST UNITY.

3. THIS AMPLIFIED ALLENDE LATTER IN DUMPS BECAUSE TARUD HAS REFUSED TO CONCEDE AND IN SPITE OF GREAT PRESSURE FROM ALL SIDES HAS ALSO REFUSED TO RELEASE PR FROM "IRON-CLAD" AGREEMENT OF MUTUAL SUPPORT. PR HAS TOLD ALLENDE IT HAPPY TO VOTE FOR HIM IF HE AND COMMIES CAN PERSUADE TARUD TO RELEASE IT.

4. ALLENDE CONSIDERING ASKING PSD HEAD LUENGO DISSOLVE PSD PARTY, THEREBY POSSIBLY DISQUALIFYING TARUD AS CANDIDATE. CANDIDATE CAN BE INSCRIBED BY PARTY OR BY COLLECTING 25,000 SIGNATURES TO RUN AS INDEPENDENT. TARUD NAMED BY PSD WHICH MAY BE

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DISSOLVABLE ON GROUNDS IT LACKS CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION.

CONSENSUS IS THAT TARUD COULD NEVER GET 25,000 SIGNATURES.

5. IN ANY CASE ALLENDE WILL BE PROCLAIMED "CANDIDATE OF LEFT" AT 22 JANUARY MASS MEETING.
6. EMBASSY INFORMED.
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